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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEW OF STATE OF PLAY ON CYPRUS

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS AFFAIRS, REUILLARD, TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRENCH, GERMANS, GREEKS AND BRITISH HAD NOW ANSWERED THEIR RESPECTIVE END-OF-YEAR LETTERS FROM TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, IN WHICH LATTER HAD BITTERLY COMPLAINED ABOUT MESSAGE ARCHBISHIP MAKARIOS HAD HAD SENT TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL ADDRESSING QUESTION OF RESUMPTION INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN CONTEXT OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS.

2. IN HIS REPLY WE ARE TOLD SAUVAGNARGUES STRESSED THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS INDEED REACHED BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH FONMINS AT BRUSSELS, AS TURKISH LETTER NOTES, AND THAT MAKARIOS' ACTION SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE PERMITTED TO STAND IN WAY OF PROMPT RESUMPTION INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. REUILLARD IS UNDER IMPRESSION UK AND FRG ANSWERED ALONG SIMILAR LINES, BUT CLAIMS RESPONSES WERE NOT COORDINATED IN DETAIL. HE OFFERED NO INFORMATION

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TION ABOUT NATURE AND TONE OF GREEK REPLY.

3. ASKED ABOUT QUAI'S ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN LIGHT THESE DEVELOPMENTS, REUILLARD SAID THAT, OBVIOUSLY, THE MORE TIME PASSES, THE MORE THE RISKS INCREASE. ON OTHER HAND, RECENT INDICATIONS THAT GREEKS AND TURKS MAY BE CLOSE TO RESUMING THEIR CONTACTS ON THE AEGEAN SHELF AND AIRSPACE ISSUES SUGGEST THAT ALL NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE LOST. EVEN SO, REUILLARD THOUGHT THAT FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON THE TURKS TO OVERCOME THEIR EVIDENT ANGER OVER MAKARIO'S BEHAVIOR, WHICH FRENCH AGREE WAS NOT IN SPIRIT BRUSSELS UNDERSTANDING.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION REUILLARD ASSUMED US HAD REPLIED IN COMPARABLE VEIN TO SIMILAR LETTER WHICH TURKS REAPORTEDLY SENT TO DEPARTMENT; AND HE EXPRESSED POINTED HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF THE SECRETARY WOULD FIND TIME TO VISIT ANKARA TO GIVE TURKS THE NECESSARY PUSH, POSSIBLY IN CONTEXT OF REPORTEDLY PLANNED TRIP TO MOSCOW.

5. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS DETAILS OF TURKISH LETTER FROM FRENCH EMBASSY BUT WILL BE GLAD SUPPLY SOMEWHAT MORE SPECIFIC SUMMARY.

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